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Political psychology applies what is known about human psychology to the study of politics. It examines how people reach political decisions on topics such as voting, party identification, and political attitudes as well as how leaders mediate political conflicts and make foreign policy decisions. The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology gathers together a distinguished group of scholars from around the world to shed light on these vital questions. Focusing first on political psychology at the individual level (attitudes, values, decision-making, ideology, personality) and then moving to the collective (group identity, mass mobilization, political violence), this fully interdisciplinary volume covers models of the mass public and political elites and addresses both domestic issues and foreign policy. Now with new material providing an up-to-date account of cutting-edge research within both psychology and political science, this is an essential reference for scholars and students interested in the intersection of the two fields.

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Up to now I perused through the pages and read on some hot topics that are discussed in the field of political psychology today. My intention, as a Masters student in Social Psychology, is to see if this book serves as a good basis for a possible Ph.D later on, as the university in the Netherlands where I'm currently studying does not present a similar course. This well written book has served as a good source of inspiration on which one would want to delve further in this interesting field. If there

is anyone out there with similar interests, I would strongly advise you to get hold of this book. On the surface it looks intimidating and hard to wrestle through, but is written very comprehensively and is an easy and (very) interesting read.

This is a thick book with a lot of content. The authors of every chapter are respected experts in their fields. It is difficult to use the whole book, but it speaks to the scope and diversity of political psychology as a field that transcends traditional academic boundaries of political science, psychology, communications, and sociology. While several years old now, most of the reviews remain comprehensive and all are well-written. Update (Feb 2011): I understand a second edition is in the works, but I'm not sure when it will be published.

One of the most useful readers you can find on political psychology.

It gives you a broad view of political psychology and helps to structure the knowledge you previously had. It is a good information gathering.

This work is a self-conscious precis of the current professional norms of political psychology which loosely presents itself as applying what is best known in psychology to political science. In many ways political psychology puts a human face on social political processes that addresses motives as well as clusters of behavior needing explication that soft pedals reductive theory for more empirical observation quantified from many events and cultural circumstances. The essays in Handbook of Political Psychology serve to convey the general nature and range of the subject while also being a guide to the central issues and studies in the field. It belongs in every political science library.

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